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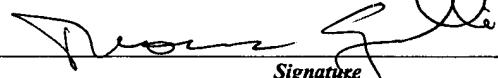
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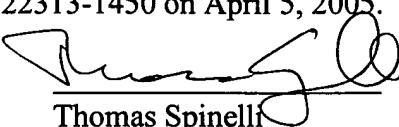
In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. International PCT Patent Application Publication No. WO 01/76646 A1, dated October 18, 2001;
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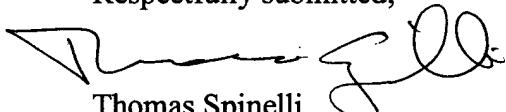

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3. Great Britain Patent No. 1 570 096, dated June 25, 1980; and
4. United States Patent No. 4,335,071, issued to Thornton, dated June 15, 1982.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated March 1, 2005 received from the European Patent Office. Applicant is submitting copies of reference numbers 1-3, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicant is not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent reference. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

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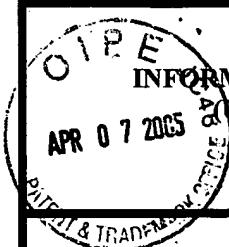
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		WO 01/76646A1	10/18/2001	PCT				
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